

MAY REMEDY  
GRIEVANCESRussian Workmen Ordered  
To Participate

## IN THE COMMISSION

Reported Purpose of the Council Is to Propose Methods Looking to Betterment of Conditions.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—M. Schidlovsky, president of the commission appointed to inquire into the grievances of Russian workmen and make proposals for the betterment of the workmen's conditions, has completed his arrangements. He has requested the owners of various works to appoint fifteen delegates. The workmen have also been ordered to choose representatives who will meet March third and elect 40 delegates to the commission.

## FR. GOPON UNFROCKED.

He Lead The Strikers in Recent Russian Demonstration.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The consistory today officially announced that Father Gopon, the priest who led the strikers in the recent demonstration and whose whereabouts are unknown, has been unfrocked.

## IS STEAMING NORTH.

Third Russian Baltic Squadron Escorted by Danish Vessels.

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—The third Russian Baltic squadron is now steaming north, through the Great Belt, escorted by Danish torpedo boats. While passing through the Baltic sea, German ironclads escorted the fleet, leaving the Russians when Danish waters were reached.

## PEACE PARTY IN CONTROL.

German Newspaper Thinks War in the Far East Will Cease.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—Tageblatt reports that the peace party has gained the upper hand in the Russian court, and that peace in the far East is now in sight.

## Capture Two More British Colliers.

Tokio, Feb. 20.—The Japanese have captured two more British colliers, bound for Vladivostok.

## MAY COST HIM HIS LIFE.

Terrible Drop of an Aeronaut, a Distance of 5,000 Meters.

Barcelona, Feb. 20.—Captain Saunders, an aeronaut, had a most thrilling experience yesterday, which will probably cost him his life. Captain Saunders was 5,000 metres above the ground in his balloon, when it caught fire. It fell into Cortez street. Saunders jumped, before the balloon reached the street, striking the overhead wires of a tramway, where he hung by his head, until removed in a dying condition.

## VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT.

In Suit Against Mayor Bryant of Quincy, Mass.

Dedham, Mass., Feb. 20.—Judge Hitchcock in Norfolk Superior Court today ordered a verdict for the defendant in the case of Joel F. Shepard and Sons, coal dealers of Quincy Port, who were suing Mayor Bryant for \$50,000 for alleged slander. The case grew out of statements made by the defendant at a hearing before the joint committee of the Massachusetts legislature which was investigating the big coal strike two years ago.

## BOYS HAD A FIGHT.

And Theatre Audience Thought Building Was on Fire and Had Panic.

Detroit, Feb. 20.—A panic occurred in the gallery of the Avenue Theatre yesterday when a cry of "fight" was mistaken for an alarm of fire. A frenzied crowd of men fought each other in a mad rush for the exits but no one was wounded. The trouble was caused by a misunderstanding and the men were arrested for disorderly conduct.

## NOTED HORSEMAN DEAD.

Cicero J. Hamlin, Breeder of "The Abbott," "Lord Derby" and Others.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Cicero J. Hamlin, the noted horseman and breeder of "The Abbott," "Lord Derby" and hundreds of other famous trotters and pacers, died this morning, at the age of 86 years.

## CLEMENT A PLAINTIFF.

In Suit To Recover \$400 Damages Against Street Railway Co.

Rutland, Feb. 20.—Percival W. Clement of this city has brought suit to recover \$400 against the street railway company for alleged negligence. Clement's family carriage collided with a trolley car last March and was badly damaged. The suit will be tried at the March term of Rutland county court.

INDIANAPOLIS HIT  
BY CONFLAGRATION

Every Piece of Fire Fighting Apparatus in the City Brought Out and Fire Was Stopped With Damage of \$1,500,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20.—A fire, which started last night in the warehouse of Fahney & McCrea, wholesale millinery, destroyed property valued at \$1,500,000. For four hours the wholesale district, bounded by Georgia and Meridian streets, Jackson Place and the Union depot sheds, was menaced. At 6:30 o'clock three general alarms brought in every engine in the city and suburbs. When the fire was brought under control, eight buildings, among which were three hotels, had been completely destroyed. One fireman was hurt by falling walls.

Firebrands fell in a perfect storm over the business portion of the city, and on every building were stationed companies of men equipped with fire apparatus and their united efforts succeeded in preventing a general conflagration. In the A. Kiefer Drug company's ware rooms many barrels of oils and explosives were stored, and in the Delmetech company's wholesale house where a season's stock of fireworks was located, several serious explosions occurred.

The west wall of the Fahney & McCrea millinery house, which faces on Jackson Place across from the union station, fell within 30 minutes after the fire started. One fireman sustained a broken leg and in the rush to escape from their perilous position near the falling walls hundreds of spectators who thronged the space in front of the union station, narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

## VALUABLE ENGINE DAMAGED.

Only Electrical Locomotive in the World in Fire at Schenectady, N. Y.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The only electrical locomotive in the world, the big machine built for the New York Central terminal service was nearly totally destroyed by fire at the sub-station at Hoffman's Ferry, four miles west of this city, last evening.

The fire started from an overheated stove in an adjoining shed and the flames spread rapidly, destroying everything inflammable in the locomotive, and the high wind which prevailed carried sparks to the farm buildings owned by James Watt, a quarter of a mile away, destroying five barns in which 15 cows were burned to death.

## Steel Plant Damaged.

Detroit, Feb. 19.—Fire yesterday almost destroyed the plant of the Detroit Steel Casting company, causing a loss of between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Two hundred and twenty-five men are thrown out of work. One fireman received a bad scalp wound while fighting the fire and a number of other firemen had narrow escapes.

## Block Burned in Pittsfield.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 20.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Whittelsey-Sabin block, a three story brick structure occupied by manufacturers, on Cottage Row, causing a loss of \$30,000. Half of the loss falls upon the Pittsfield Spark Coil company.

## Fire in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—The top floors of the Natchez office building on Canal street were gutted by fire Saturday night. The loss was \$150,000.

## Heavy Loss in Denver.

Denver, Feb. 20.—The Symes block, a three-story structure occupied by stores and offices, was destroyed by fire yesterday, entailing a loss estimated at \$300,000.

## Seven Houses Burned.

Tyler, Tex., Feb. 20.—Fire yesterday destroyed seven houses, entailing a loss estimated at \$150,000.

## A SAD CASE.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—A sad case of starvation and exposure which resulted in two deaths has been revealed by the police. Saturday they were called to investigate a mysterious death in Germantown. They found Sarah Smith, aged 62, dead; Benjamin Smith, 70, a brother, dying, and Louis Smith, 64, another brother, in a serious condition.

There was no fire in the little house where they lived, nor was there any food to be found. Benjamin Smith was removed to a hospital, where he died last night, and the other brother was taken to the almshouse.

A strange feature of the case is that the brothers had been pensioned by their former employer, and a balance was still standing to their credit.

## ADMITTED THEIR CRIMES.

Two Men Were Electrocuted at Sing Sing Prison.

Osanining, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Frank Remier, who killed Jack Pinto, an Italian junk dealer in Brooklyn in October, 1903, and Adolph Koenig, the young German who strangled his mistress, Mrs. Emma Kaufman, in New York in May, 1904, were electrocuted at Sing Sing prison this morning. The two electrocutions were carried out within 15 minutes of each other, and were successful. Both men fully admitted their crimes.

## After Many Months' Illness.

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Congressman Norton P. Otis died early this morning after an illness lasting several months. He was 65 years of age.

44 PEOPLE  
WERE INJUREDTrain Jumped Track On Erie  
Railroad Today

## AND ROLLED DOWN BANK

Miss Grace Matthews of Suffern, N. Y., Was Killed Outright—Another Woman Will Probably Die—Escape of Others Miraculous.

Patterson, N. J., Feb. 20.—The Mid-dletown way train on Bergen county short cut division of the Erie road, jumped the track near Warren Point station this morning, and four cars rolled down a 12 foot embankment.

One person, Miss Grace Matthews, of Suffern, N. Y., was killed outright, and 44 others were more or less seriously injured. Among the injured is one woman whose skull is fractured. She will probably die.

That more were not killed is considered little short of a miracle.

## HAD LONG ILLNESS.

Richard B. Eastman Died Yesterday at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 20.—Richard B. Eastman died at his home in Passumpsic early yesterday morning, after a lingering illness. He was born in Buffalo, March 10, 1849. He spent his boyhood in St. Johnsbury and when about 25 years old went to Brooklyn, where he became a noted architect, the King's county insane asylum being his best known work. He married in 1880, Emily, daughter of Judge Ezra A. Parks of Passumpsic and after the latter's death in 1897 the Eastmans came back to Vermont and occupied the Parks farm. Mr. Eastman building up a successful dairy business. He leaves a wife, two children and a sister, Mrs. Weeks of Lancaster. Mr. Eastman owned one of the finest private libraries in this section of the state, a valuable collection of engravings, and was a man of wide culture and attainment.

## AMUSED THE AUDIENCE.

The Game Between Girls at Northfield Brought Out Lots of Fun.

Northfield, Feb. 20.—The basket ball game between Northfield high and Waterville high resulted in a victory for the local team, 31 to 23, Saturday night. The game between the girls during the intermission was very amusing at times, although there were some fine plays made.

The dance given after the games under the auspices of Co. F was largely attended and everybody had a good time.

## TWO GAMES IN MONTPELIER.

Norwich Reserves Beaten and the Burlington Victors Also.

Montpelier, Feb. 20.—At the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Saturday evening the Y. M. C. A. basket ball team defeated the Norwich University Reserves by the score of 37 to 12, and the Montpelier Rivals won from the Burlington Victors by the close score of 29 to 28. The latter game was one of the fastest ever played on the local floor.

## SIDE JUDGE DEAD.

Daniel E. Ruggles of Sutton Was Prominent Citizen.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 20.—Daniel E. Ruggles died at his home in Sutton Saturday night of heart failure. He was born in that town April 16, 1841, had been a successful farmer and was one of the town's most prominent citizens. He had held many town offices, represented the town of Sutton in the legislature of 1898 and since 1902 has been one of the assistant judges of Caledonia county. He leaves a wife and one son. The vacancy caused by his death will be filled by Governor Bell.

## HOWE SCALE COMPANY OFFICERS.

Dr. J. A. Mead Again Chosen President of Rutland Concern.

Rutland, Feb. 20.—The Howe Scale company of this city held its annual meeting today, and elected the following board of directors: Dr. John A. Mead, E. E. Keyes, N. W. Ripley, E. I. Ross, H. O. Carpenter, L. G. Bagley, C. R. Hinman and F. R. Blanchard. The directors elected Dr. Mead president, Mr. Hinman vice president, Mr. Ross treasurer, and Mr. Bagley clerk.

## RESIGNATION NOT EXPLAINED.

The Rev. Gilmour Didn't Say Why He Wanted to Leave Rutland Church.

Rutland, Feb. 20.—At the close of yesterday morning's service, the Rev. Geo. Gilmour read his resignation as assistant pastor of the Congregational church. He would give no reason for his action which was entirely unexpected by the pastor and the members of the prudential committee. The Rev. Mr. Gilmour has been with the local church a little more than a year and was recently engaged to serve another year.

FOUR WARD  
CAUCUSESAldermen Burke, Albisetti and  
Adie Renominated

## ALEX. MILNE A NEW MAN

There Was a Contest in Every Ward—Alex. Gordon Renamed for Ward One School Commissioner, and F. W. Nichols in Ward Three.

In three of the four ward caucuses Saturday evening, the present aldermen were renominated, Frank H. Burke in ward three, B. Albisetti in ward five, and James Adie in ward six, while Alex. Milne was nominated for alderman in ward one, to succeed Alderman John Robins, whose term expires this year. Also in ward one Alexander Gordon was renominated as school commissioner for three years, and in ward three Frank W. Nichols was nominated for school commissioner for three years to succeed G. Herbert Pape, who refused to run again. All the nominations for aldermen were for terms of two years with the exception of ward six, where it was for one year. The four caucuses were well attended and there were contests in every one.

## Caucus Under Difficulties.

In the first ward, Alex. Milne of the firm of Littlejohn & Milne, granite dealers, was nominated for alderman and Alexander Gordon for school commissioner. It looked for a time as if the caucus would have to be held on the front steps of the Church street school building, with the temperature below zero, as the janitor could not be found, nor any person who possessed a key to the building. Finally Supt. Mathewson discovered a means of entrance in the rear and the voters filed in after standing out in the cold for half an hour. One lantern, two lamps and the glowing ends of several score of fragrant Havana furnished the light by which the caucus was conducted.

Frank G. Howland called the caucus to order and was elected chairman, with O. D. Mathewson as clerk. There was no delay then and Alex. Milne and Charles T. Campbell were soon placed in nomination for alderman, the former by S. E. Perry, and the latter by John Wylie. Ned J. Roberts had withdrawn from the contest during the day, Saturday, and was therefore not nominated. The result of the voting was as follows:

Whole number cast	83
Necessary	42
Milne had	51
Campbell had	30
H. A. Rugg had	2

and Alex. Milne was declared the nominee of the caucus. There was no opposition to Alexander Gordon for school commissioner and Mr. Gordon was nominated by acclamation.

On motion of James Cruickshank the caucus adjourned.

## Hard Time in Fifth Ward.

B. Albisetti, present alderman from ward five, was renominated in the caucus of that ward, over the other two aspirants, Samuel Kingston and James Rae. The caucus was called to order by P. J. McNulty and George Stuart was elected chairman and Mr. McNulty clerk.

Angelo Scampini nominated Mr. Albisetti. Mr. Scampini said that he arose to place in nomination a man who has past two years faithfully and well, and who should be retained in the office. Peter Byrne placed the name of Samuel Kingston before the caucus and William Johnson that of James Rae. Each name was seconded several times. It was voted to use the last year's check list in voting and the following tellers were appointed to check off the names on the list and count the ballots: Wm. Johnson, O. J. Howes, John Casellini and Wm. Donald.

It was found that candidate Kingston's name was not on the check list, as he had only recently moved into the ward, and it was hotly questioned by several whether he had a right to vote or be a candidate in the ward. But it was finally decided that Mr. Kingston was entitled to vote, as he had lived over thirty days in the ward previous to the caucus.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

Whole number cast	99
Necessary for choice	50
Albisetti had	67
Kingston had	24
Rae had	7

G. H. Pape Wouldn't Run Again.

The caucus in ward three resulted in the renomination of Frank H. Burke to be alderman. There were three men proposed, Frank H. Burke, N. A. McIver, and Walter Williams.

The ballot box was closed at 7:30, and when the votes were counted, it was found that Burke had 65, McIver 42, and Williams 10. G. Herbert Pape was nominated for school commissioner, but he absolutely refused to accept the nomination, and Frank W. Nichols was nominated in his stead.

The caucus was held in Summer street school, the building being crowded with voters.

## James Adie Nominated in Sixth.

The ward six caucus was held in the city court room, and was called to order by C. R. Allen, Jr. Mr. Allen was elected moderator and Henry Frenier clerk. Dr. Joe W. Jackson presented the name of James Adie as candidate for alderman, Richard Lawless named Victor

Lovely and J. P. Marr named Wm. Brown. It was voted to proceed to ballot and to keep the polls open 10 minutes. It was also voted that plurality nominate. The total vote cast was 46. Of these

Wm. Brown had	11
Victor Lovely	13
James Adie	22

and Mr. Adie was declared the nominee.

## CONTESTS IN TWO WARDS.

Papers Filed for Aldermen in Wards 3 and 5.

The caucuses have all been held, and tonight is the latest on which nomination papers can be filed, so that it is pretty nearly determined how many candidates there will be in the field for the spring election.

The Socialists have filed their ticket, the regular caucus nominees have been filed and nomination papers have been filed for N. A. Melver for alderman in ward 3, for Samuel J. Kingston for alderman in ward five, and it is stated that papers are to be filed for John Robins for mayor. The ticket named at the workmen's caucuses has not yet been filed, and because several of the candidates who were named on it have declined to allow their names to be used, it is doubtful if it will be filed at all.

## DENIES HE WAS A SCAB.

M. B. Nichols Says He Didn't Work on Philadelphia & Reading R. R. During a Strike.

Mark B. Nichols, who is a candidate for first constable in Barre city, in an interview with a Times' reporter today denied the statement which has been circulated that in 1877 he "scabbed" on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad during a strike. Moreover, he said that he never so much as worked on a railroad in his life.

Mr. Nichols gave the following to uphold his statement: "If anyone wishes to take the trouble to look in the books of the Philadelphia City Pottery, 44 Salmon street, Port Richmond, Philadelphia, they will find my name on the pay roll for every month from 1875 to 1881. Previous to that for four years I was an engineer on one of the Richport Steamboat company's boats, plying between New York and Richport."

"So," he added, "you see I couldn't very well have been working on any railroad in 1877."

"I never was a railroad man in my life."

## Mr. Schneider Withdraws.

Editor Daily Times:—Sir: I was surprised to see in your issue of Friday night, that I had been nominated at the labor caucus for the office of auditor. It ought to be very well known that I have no time for such work in the unlikely event of my being elected, and furthermore I have no desire to participate in civic honors. I wish you therefore to make it public that I am no candidate for said office.

A. J. SCHNEIDER.

## Notice to Robins Supporters.

All supporters of John Robins for the office of mayor are requested to meet at 7 o'clock this evening in Room 4, Miles Granite Block.

## PETIT JURORS CHOSEN.

For the March Term of Washington County Court Announced Today.

The petit jurors for the March term of Washington county court were announced today, and are as follows: Barre city, George W. Bassett and Joe D. Ossola; Barre town, C. J. Waterman and M. J. McLeod; Berlin, Ira Benjamin and T. C. Winslow; Plainfield, N. D. Page and F. S. Bemis; Northfield, Frank Tracey and Charles Holton; Moretown, W. N. Ward; Montpelier, Timothy Callahan and S. W. Benjamin; Middlesex, W. R. Leonard and George Herbert; Marshfield, Fred Tanner; Payston, T. C. McCarthy; East Montpelier, Lewis Sibbey and Alonzo Holt; Waterbury, J. B. Phillips and L. S. Hill; Duxbury, C. C. McDuffin and C. S. Morse; Calais, W. A. Cilley and A. J. Morse; Cabot, J. G. Pike and E. D. Waldo; Roxbury, George H. Hammett; Woodbury, B. H. Benjamin; Waitsfield, L. K. Smith and C. S. Marriatta; Warren, Fred Long and A. C. May; Worcester, Mark P. Ladd.

## THEIR ANNUAL "TIME."

Granite City Quilting Club Gave a Pleasant Affair.

The Granite City Quilting club held its annual "time" Saturday evening, in Miles Hall, about 40 couples being present. Dancing was indulged in, and a general social time was enjoyed until midnight. An orchestra consisting of Messrs. Robertson and Ross and Mrs. Loranger furnished music for dancing.

Between the figures the party listened to vocal selections by John Angus, Arthur Murray, W. Baxster, James Barclay, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Flora, and Mrs. Robertson.

Other contributors to the programme were James Slora, song, Peter Brown, song, Scotch recitation, A. Forbes, cake walk, Misses Ewen, James Marr, a song, James Anderson the same.

The committee in charge consisted of Charles Burnie, A. Forbes, W. Main, J. Main, and J. Gould and George Robertson.

## WATER SUPPLY FALLING.

Bolster Reservoir Falls Off 12 Inches in One Week.

In the week from February 12 to Feb. 19, the water in the Bolster reservoir fell 12 inches. In the Orange brook reservoir it remained about the same. While there is no immediate danger of a shortage, it is well for care to be used by all city water takers not to waste any. If there should be any more serious breaks in water mains it might decrease the supply to such an extent there would be a shortage.

CLOSE CALL  
FOR DALTONFreight Train Conductor in a  
Wreck Yesterday

## NEAR BLACKWELL STREET

Two Cars Jumped Track and Slid Over Ten Foot Embankment—Dalton Was on Top of Car and Ended Up Beneath It.

The worst freight wreck that has occurred in this city for some time happened yesterday morning at the Blackwell street crossing, and that the conductor of the Central Vermont train, T. J. Dalton, is alive today to tell the story, is a wonder.

The train of five cars was run down from Williamstown, and while backing in from the Williamstown transfer the two empty box cars at the head of the train struck a stub switch just after crossing the dry bridge at Blackwell street and were thrown off the track to the left. Both cars turned around at right angles to the track and pitched over the ten foot embankment behind Milne, Clarisew & Gray's stone yard.

Conductor Dalton was standing on top of the second car which went over the embankment and landed directly beneath the car as it pitched over the bank. The distance which he must have fallen was fully twenty feet and that the car did not run over him was due to the fact that the rear trucks did not go clear down the bank. When the car stopped the front end was at the bottom and the rear trucks resting on the embankment. Dawson was in the space underneath the car. He was somewhat shaken up, but otherwise was not even scratched, and is about his work in the yard today.

The first car to go over the bank was thrown over on its side and both trucks were torn off. The other car was not much injured. Engineer Bennett was in charge of the engine. The two cars uncoupled from the train as they left the track, which was the only thing that saved the rest of the cars from being pulled over the bank.

A wrecking train was sent down this forenoon from St. Albans and the cars are being pulled back onto the tracks.

## SEVENTEEN CARS DERAILED.

And Three of Them Rolled Down an Embankment.

Seventeen freight cars loaded with beef went off the iron on the Montpelier & Wells River R. R. near Ryegate, yesterday, and three of them rolled down an embankment. No one was hurt. The cars which went down the embankment were splintered somewhat. The freight was transferred to other cars and the first train after the accident passed at half past five this morning.

WILL BE PRESENTED  
ONLY THREE NIGHTS

Conflict of Dates Causes Civic Federation to Relinquish Claim to Saturday Evening—Italian Society Generally Volunteers Benefit.

Through a mix-up on the part of the management of the Barre Opera House, the hall was rented for next Saturday evening to both the Civic Federation of Women's clubs and La Veschie Filodrammatica society. The Federation desired it for the presentation of "A Hero in Khaki," and the Italian society for a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of suffering Russians. As both could not occupy the stage the same evening, a committee from each met Saturday afternoon to straighten out matters. The lease to the Italian society having been made first, the Federation decided to cut out the Saturday evening performance of "A Hero in Khaki," and allow the Italians undisputed possession of the hall. The latter expressed their appreciation of the action of the ladies, and also volunteered to give a benefit performance, the proceeds to be donated to the Federation. And with this the conference came to a pleasant ending.

## FIRE RIGHT AT HOME.

Bat Hand Chemical Did Business at Old Fire Station.

The firemen at the old department station on Prospect street narrowly escaped having a serious fire right at home yesterday morning. The partition around the stove pipe in the chemical engine room caught fire and was smoking up considerably when a man coming down Hooker Hill saw it and ran into the station and woke the firemen up to the fact that they were on fire. The contents of a hand chemical quickly extinguished the blaze before any damage to speak of had been done.

## DEATH FROM SHOCK.

Paul Maberlin Died Yesterday, Aged 50 Years.

Paul Maberlin of Foster street, one of the oldest Italian residents of this city, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning from the effects of a shock. He had been in ill health for several years. He was fifty years of age. A widow and six children survive him.